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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF CHARLES F. LONG II.

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1 Charles Franklyn "Chuck" Long II was born in Detroit, Michigan on
2 June 1, 1945. He grew up with his brother, Hughey, and sister, Victoria,
3 and attended elementary and middle school at Saint Thomas Military
4 Academy, a military boarding school in Minnesota. He went on to graduate
5 from Northern High School in Detroit in 1963. Chuck then pursued prelaw
6 at Wilberforce University in Ohio before joining the United States Marine
7 Corps in 1964.

8 Chuck completed basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in
9 San Diego, California, and was later stationed at Camp Lejeune in North
10 Carolina. While serving two tours in Vietnam, from 1965 through 1967, he
11 was aboard the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk aircraft carrier and tasked with
12 helicopter combat rescue and support missions. On returning to the
13 states, he continued his public service as a Marine Officer in Quantico,
14 Virginia. Chuck retired from the Marines in October 1968 and became a
15 police officer for the District of Columbia.

16 Chuck worked in radio while in the Marines, and as a civilian he
17 established a successful career in communications and radio. He rose to
18 local notoriety as a disc jockey for WOL and WOOK radio stations in
19 Washington, D.C. during the 1970s. Motivated by the motorcycle accident
20 that claimed the life of his only brother, Chuck used his local celebrity
21 to launch the annual *Chuck Long Motorcycle Safety Parade*, which became
22 wildly successful for nearly a decade.

23 In the 1980s, Chuck moved out west and began a career in film as a
24 movie stuntman and extra. His film credits include "Glory," starring
25 Denzel Washington, "Wyatt Earp" with Kevin Costner, "Tombstone" and "Bad
26 Jim," in which he acted as a stunt double for Richard Roundtree.

27 Fueled by his passion for history and horses, Chuck founded
28 America's Buffalo Soldiers Re-Enactors Association in 1986. The group
29 strove to tell the story of the 9th and 10th Cavalrymen and 24th and 25th
30 Infantrymen, who comprised the all-Black regiments of the United States
31 Army known as the "Buffalo Soldiers." Chuck received numerous accolades
32 in recognition of his dedication to and contributions in this endeavor,
33 which spanned nearly three decades. Notably, General Colin Powell and
34 Arizona's Congressman Ruben Gallego commended his outstanding achievements
35 and service to the community. Additionally, Long served as a member of
36 the Arizona Governor's African-American Advisory Council and the Arizona
37 Film Commission.

38 Preceded in death by his parents and brother, Chuck Long is survived
39 by his five children, Michelle, Carlton Washington (Trina), Charles
40 (Leandra), Mikko (Kyle) and Mary (Ian), his grandchildren, Quinton
41 (Althea), Ezra, Mecca, Cannon and Storm, and his great-grandsons, Phoenix
42 and Koa. He will be greatly missed by all those who had the privilege of
43 knowing him over his distinguished lifetime.

44 Therefore

1 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
2 Representatives concurring:
3 That the Members of the Legislature and the Black Legislative Caucus
4 express sincere regret at the passing of Charles F. Long II and extend
5 their deepest sympathies to his surviving family members.